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Summary

Although the planted acreages of second early and intermediate potatoes and truck crops for market are generally larger than in 1938, relatively low yields are resulting in substantially smaller market supplies, reports the Bureau of Agricultural Economics. These smaller supplies, together with an improved level of demand over 1938, have caused the general level of market prices of these crops in late June to average somewhat higher than in the corresponding period of last year.

The production of intermediate potatoes, the crop that usually provides the bulk of market supplies for July and August, is indicated to be about 15 percent smaller than last year. If yields of the early crop in the Northern late States are no better relative to last year than yields in the intermediate States, market supplies for the summer and early fall months probably will be comparatively small.

The 1939 acreage of all truck crops for fresh market shipment, as reported to June 22, is about 1 percent larger than the corresponding plantings in 1938 but about 18 percent larger than the 10-year average. Production, however, because of relatively low yields, is indicated to be generally smaller than in 1938. Asparagus, snap beans, lettuce, peas and spinach are the only crops for which increases in production are indicated. Of these, only asparagus, lettuce and peas show significant increases. Many crops show decreases; largest declines are indicated for beets, cauliflower, celery, kale, peppers, tomatoes and watermelons.

As a result of this supply situation, market prices of truck crops in late June average slightly higher than a month ago and considerably higher than a year earlier. An unknown factor in the price-supply situation for the next several months, however, is the production of vegetables in market garden areas. Some of this production is now beginning to be marketed.

Reports to June 22 indicate that the prospective acreage of truck crops for canning or manufacture combined with those already planted, is about 21 percent smaller than in 1938 and 32 percent smaller than the record large acreage planted to these crops in 1937. Production estimates of peas for canning and freezing total only about 187,000 tons compared with 303,000 tons, the record high production of 1938. With allowances for freezing, this crop would result in a total pack of canned peas of between 15 and 16 million cases (24 No. 2 cans) and would tend to reduce the total supply of canned peas to near normal levels.

POTATOES

Because of sharp changes in supplies and shifts in quality and varieties available in market centers, potato prices have fluctuated widely in recent weeks. In eastern markets the general trend, however, has been sharply downward in conformity with the usual seasonal pattern for this period of the year while in mid-western cities the down trend of prices has not been so pronounced. One of the chief causes of the differences in price trends, is the sharp increase in marketings in eastern producing areas.

Marketings of the crops produced in the early and second early groups of States were about completed in late June. Only small portions of the California and North Carolina crops together with scattered "cleanup" shipments in a few other States will be available in these groups after July 1. Marketings of the intermediate crops have begun, however, and shipments from these areas are expected to increase rapidly.

The weekly movement of potatoes in carlots reached the season's peak of 7,028 cars in the week ending June 10 but declined to 5,446 cars the next week and totaled 5,039 cars in the week ended June 24. Since shipments of old stocks, largely composed of Maine and Idaho potatoes in recent weeks, are declining rapidly, more than 90 percent of recent shipments have been new crop supplies. From about this time until late fall motor-truck shipments increase and the

Production in the first section of intermediate States is indicated to total 9.5 million bushels this season compared with 11.9 million in 1938 and 13.8 million bushels, the 10-year 1928-37 average. Although no production estimates are yet available for the second section of intermediate States, the acreage planted is indicated to be slightly larger than last year but condition as of June 1 was about 13 percent lower than a year earlier. This would mean that production in this area would be about 1 million bushels short of the large 1938 crop of 9.8 million bushels but about 2 million bushels above the 10-year average crop. On this basis the supply of potatoes available for this summer would be about 3.5 million bushels, or about 15 percent, less than in 1938. Of course, the new crop in some late States also provides an important portion of the market supply during this period and practically no current information is available at present as to the prospects in these areas. March reports on prospective plantings indicated slight reductions in acreage and if the condition of the crop relative to a year earlier is no better than that in the intermediate States, production in these late States may also be somewhat lower than in 1938.

TRUCK CROPS

The acreage planted and to be planted to commercial truck crops for fresh market shipments, as reported to June 22, is indicated to be a little over 1 percent larger than that indicated in the corresponding period of 1938 and about 18 percent larger than the 10-year average. Sizable increases in the acreage of asparagus (including that cut for canning and freezing), cantaloupes, lettuce, peas, and watermelons were partially offset by important decreases in snap beans, cabbage (including that for kraut), spinach and tomatoes. The greatest increase is in the acreage of lettuce while the greatest decrease is in tomatoes. It is significant that the increase in lettuce just about accounts for the net increase in all crops combined.

Despite the increased acreages, production this season to date is generally smaller than in the corresponding period of 1938. Unfavorable growing conditions, together with severe attacks of insects and disease have reduced yields materially for a large number of truck crops. Only asparagus, snap beans, lettuce, peas and spinach show increases in production so far and of these only asparagus which includes production for canning and processing, lettuce and peas are significant. On the other hand significant decreases in production are indicated for beets, cauliflower, celery, kale, peppers, tomatoes and watermelons.

As a result of this supply situation this spring, market prices of vegetables in late June were generally higher than in late June a year ago. There was also a slight advance in the general level from a month earlier, which is contrary to the usual seasonal trend at this time of the year. It is difficult to determine the effects of supply conditions on truck crop prices at this period of the year, however, since large quantities of produce usually begin to move from market gardens and no definite information is available as to production and crop conditions in these areas. Also the source of the strictly commercial shipment supply shifts to areas where the use of motor truck transportation is important and no measure of this movement is readily available.

The combined acreage planted or to be planted to important truck crops for commercial canning or manufacture, as reported to June 22, is indicated to total 1,063,000 acres for 1939 as compared with 1,352,000 acres, planted in 1938. This is a net reduction of about 21 percent. It is significant that decreases are indicated for all crops reported, (asparagus and cabbage for kraut are not included) and range from about 6 percent for lima beans to 35 percent for beets.

Mid-June reports indicate that the production of green peas for canning and freezing totals 187,420 tons this year, compared with 302,540 tons, the record large crop last year, and 193,660 tons, the 10-year 1928-37 average crop. Delayed plantings and dry weather extending from Indiana eastward to the Middle Atlantic States and Virginia have resulted in prospective yields being lower than average. Yield prospects in Michigan, Wisconsin and the northwestern States, however, are indicated to be better than average.

On the basis of this production of peas for canning and freezing, and allowing for only a slight decrease in quantities frozen, the total pack of canned peas in 1939 would be between 15 and 16 million cases (24 No. 2 cans). This pack together with a carry-over as of May 1 of approximately 9.4 million cases would result in a total supply of about 25 million cases for the 1939-40 marketing season. In 1938-39 total disappearance, May 1 to April 30, was about 22 million cases - the largest on record. It should be pointed out, also, that prices of canned peas in 1938-39 averaged near the lowest on record.

Snap beans: Indicated production of snap beans in the second early and 2 intermediate groups of States, the areas providing the major portion of market supplies in mid-June, totals 4,132,000 bushels or slightly more than the crops produced in these areas in 1938. Shipments from the second early group were about completed, however, and in late June market supplies were coming largely from the 2 intermediate groups which have crops totaling 2,430,000 bushels compared with 2,540,000 bushels in 1938. Since the source of supplies has been gradually shifting to areas that usually ship largely by motor truck, the rail movement of snap beans has been decreasing sharply in recent weeks. Whereas a month ago between 200 and 300 cars of snap and lima beans were being shipped by rail each week, in mid-June less than 100 cars per week were being moved by rail. The harvest season for market garden crops is also getting started. Market prices declined sharply in the week ended June 3, under pressure of heavy shipments from commercial areas but had recovered most of the loss by the end of the month and averaged substantially higher than a year earlier.

Beets: The production of intermediate crop beets is indicated to be reduced sharply to 538,000 bushels this year from the large crop of 702,000 bushels produced in this area in 1938. The reduction this season is due both to smaller acreage planted and to smaller yield per acre. Carlot shipments have declined sharply in recent weeks as most of the marketings are now being moved by motor truck. Market prices have declined seasonally but in late June they averaged higher than a year earlier. Most of the market supply comes from the market garden areas during the summer months.

Cabbage: Production of cabbage in the intermediate States is indicated to total 208,900 tons this season or about 14,000 tons less than in 1938, but about 34,000 tons more than the average crop for the last 10 years. This decreased output becoming available immediately following the sharply reduced second early crop has resulted in market prices of summer cabbage somewhat higher than a year earlier. The trend of prices in recent weeks, however, has been slightly downward owing to seasonal factors. The usual seasonal trend of cabbage prices is sharply downward from June to October, a reflection of increasing supplies during this period from market garden areas and the comparatively large late domestic crop, the marketings of which reach a peak in October. A large proportion of the market supply in the summer months is usually shipped by motor truck and in recent weeks the rail movement of cabbage has decreased sharply. Also, considerable quantities of the second early and intermediate production have been distributed for relief in recent weeks by the Federal Surplus Commodities Corporation.

Cantaloups: Although the carlot movement of cantaloups, honey balls and honeydews from California and Arizona started a little later than last year, total shipments this season to mid-June are slightly greater than in the corresponding period last year. Despite a 9-percent increase in acreage, the second early crop is indicated to total 4.8 million crates against 5.1 million last year and results in a total early supply of about 9.9 million crates or 400,000 crates less than in 1938. The acreage planted in the intermediate group of States is slightly above that for 1938 while, in the late group, it is slightly below and the two combined have about the same acreage as in the previous year. In many of the States in both these groups, particularly the Eastern States, dry weather has retarded the development of the crop and may have an unfavorable effect on yields. Some damage has also been caused by insect and disease infestation. Owing to seasonal factors, market prices of cantaloups, honey balls and honeydews have declined sharply in recent weeks and in late June they were about the same as a year earlier.

Cucumbers: Largely because of reduced yields per acre in North Carolina and Virginia, the second early crop of cucumbers totals only 411,000 bushels this year as compared with 450,000 bushels in 1938. This reduced production partially offsets the increased output in the second section of early States in which group considerable quantities were still available when the second early States began shipping. Prices rose sharply in late June, however, and were generally higher than a year earlier.

Onions: Most of the early crop onions have been marketed and the crop in the first section of intermediate States is being harvested. Production in this latter area is indicated to total about 1 million sacks of 100 pounds which is about 31 percent more than was produced in this area last season. This large supply of intermediate onions has been difficult to market, however, and considerable quantities are being stored and some quantities are being distributed for relief by the Federal Surplus Commodities Corporation. Because of this situation, market prices have declined sharply in recent weeks and in late June averaged well below those of a year earlier. The recent declines were greater than the usual downtrend in prices for this time of the year.

Information concerning production in the second section of intermediate and late groups of States is not yet available but the acreage planted this season is increased in both groups. In the Eastern and Central late States, however, growing conditions have been generally unfavorable and pests have caused considerable damage.

Green peas: Production of green peas in the first section of late States is indicated to total 2,853,000 bushels or about 323,000 bushels more than was produced in this area last year. Marketings of this crop usually begin in June and continue into September but only that portion produced in the far Western States is moved by rail. Practically all of the eastern production is transported to market by motor truck. Because of the large crop this season, following an increased intermediate (2) crop, market prices of green peas have been declining and in late June western peas averaged considerably below those of a year ago. In contrast with this present movement of prices the usual seasonal trend is slightly upward from May to August and sharply upward thereafter to the end of the year.

Green peppers: The sharply smaller crop of second early peppers, only 207,000 bushels compared with 338,000 bushels in 1938, together with declining shipments of the spring crop in Florida has caused market prices of green peppers to rise sharply in recent weeks. As a consequence, prices in late June were more than three times as high as those of a year earlier. The recent rise in prices is contra-seasonal since, as a general rule, pepper prices decline sharply from a high level in March to the season's low point in September. Although no information is available at this time concerning yields and production in the intermediate group of States, the acreage planted to green peppers in this area is indicated to total 9,500 acres, an increase of 14 percent over last year, and is the highest on record.

Tomatoes: Although the indicated production of tomatoes in the second early and intermediate groups of States (excluding New Jersey) combined is only slightly smaller than last year, market prices in late June averaged substantially higher than a year earlier. A partial explanation of the higher price level lies in the fact that the combined total of the two early crops this season was substantially smaller than in 1938 and resulted in a generally higher level of prices than last year from January to date. A more important reason that the late June prices are higher is that the prospect for the intermediate crop in New Jersey is very unfavorable. Because of drought, tomato plants in that State have made little growth since they were set out. As a consequence, the crop there is very late and it is impossible to forecast the production at this time. The acreage planted has been decreased slightly. In the first section of late States the acreage planted is indicated to be slightly larger than a year ago. Growth and development of the crop in most of the late States have been retarded also by unfavorable weather.

Watermelons: Although the acreage of watermelons in the second early group of States is slightly larger than a year earlier, sharply reduced yields per acre, occasioned by unfavorable weather conditions and disease infestation, have resulted in an 11 percent decrease in the crop. The combined supply of early and second early watermelons totals 38.3 million melons this season compared with 43.6 million in 1938 and 48.8 million as the 10-year average for

these two areas. The crop in both areas is later than a year earlier and shipments to late June total only about one-half as large as in the corresponding period last year. Whereas more than 3,000 cars per week were being shipped in late June 1938, only about 1,000 cars per week were moving this year. As a result of this situation, market prices of watermelons in June were rising slightly and were substantially higher than in June 1938. The usual seasonal trend of prices is downward for this time of the year.

Potatoes: Unweighted prices per 100 pounds for stock of generally good quality and condition (U.S.No.1 grade when quoted) at shipping points and terminal markets specified weeks 1939 with comparisons

Location and variety	Week ended 1938 June 25	1939 May 27	1939 June 3	1939 June 10	1939 June 17	1939 June 24
	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.
F.o.b. usual terms						
Cobblers						
Pocomoke City, Md., and E.Shore Va.	1.20	---	---	1.98	1.49	1.38
Washington, N.Carolina	---		1.60	1.40	1.18	1.10
Charleston, S.Carolina	---	1.35	1.54	1.52	---	---
F.o.b. cash track						
White Rose - Kew Co. Calif.	.78	.60	.74	.70	.79	.84
Terminal markets						
New York City						
Old stock, Green Mts., Maine	1.52	1.60	1.40	1.33	1.33	1.57
New stock						
White Rose, California	2.03	2.26	2.34	2.54	2.30	2.37
Cobblers, N. & S. Carolina	1.18	1.71	2.12	1.80	1.52	1.46
" , Virginia 1/	1.28	---	2.50	2.32	1.85	1.71
Chicago						
Old stock, Russet Burbanks, Idaho	2.35	1.45	1.42	1.52	1.89	1.81
New stock						
White Rose, California	1.77	1.80	1.87	1.89	1.88	1.92
Bliss Triumphs, Alabama 2/	1.66	2.02	2.52	2.14	2.14	2.04
Bliss Triumphs, Louisiana 3/	1.75	1.86	2.02	1.90	1.73	1.71

1/ Converted from barrel price.
2/ Washed.
3/ Unwashed.

Potatoes, early: Acreage, yield and production, average 1928-37, annual 1938 and indicated 1939

Group and State	Acreage			Yield per acre			Production		
	10-year average 1928-37	1938	1939	10-year average 1928-37	1938	Indicated 1939	10-year average 1928-37	1938	Indicated 1939
	Acres	Acres	Acres	Bu.	Bu.	Bu.	1,000 bu.	1,000 bu.	1,000 bu.
Fall and winter	8,400	17,700	14,200	89	121	122	746	2,145	1,732
Early (1)	28,700	27,100	20,400	104	109	97	2,975	2,945	1,970
Early (2)									
Ala.	13,000	20,600	23,700	115	140	130	1,496	2,884	3,081
Calif.	16,600	34,000	34,000	214	270	305	3,739	9,180	10,370
Ga.	1,600	1,400	1,600	137	130	130	220	182	208
La.	22,200	26,000	24,000	73	75	65	1,640	1,950	1,560
Miss.	1,900	4,500	3,800	93	80	90	181	360	342
S. C.	13,500	12,000	12,500	145	155	150	1,965	1,860	1,875
Tex., other	13,300	10,200	9,200	67	52	65	890	532	600
Group total	82,100	108,700	108,800	123	156	166	10,131	16,948	18,036
Second Early:									
Ark.	4,900	4,600	4,500	88	100	98	427	460	441
N. C.	33,700	34,000	35,000	141	150	128	4,772	5,100	4,480
Okla.	9,800	6,200	5,600	95	96	95	929	595	532
Tenn.	2,200	2,100	2,200	82	125	97	176	262	213
Group total	50,600	46,900	47,300	125	137	120	6,304	6,417	5,666
Intermediate (1):									
Kansas	14,200	12,000	12,600	133	170	130	1,888	2,040	1,638
Kaw Valley	13,400	11,550	12,100	126	170	130	1,753	1,964	1,573
Scott County.	800	450	500	167	170	130	135	76	65
Kentucky	5,100	2,700	3,100	95	165	130	471	446	403
Maryland	8,000	6,400	6,100	145	200	150	1,154	1,280	915
Missouri	5,800	6,000	5,700	138	175	135	791	1,050	770
Virginia	64,600	45,600	45,800	148	155	125	9,541	7,086	5,726
Norfolk Dist.	10,900	10,000	9,500	146	145	125	1,585	1,450	1,188
Eastern Shore	50,300	33,200	33,900	146	160	125	7,503	5,312	4,238
Other	3,400	2,400	2,400	130	135	125	453	324	300
Group total	97,700	72,700	73,300	142	164	129	13,845	11,902	9,452
Total 5 groups.	267,500	273,100	264,000	127	148	140	34,001	40,357	36,856
Intermediate(2)	39,400	48,000	49,300	173	204		6,829	9,814	
Total all States	306,900	321,100	313,300	133	156		40,830	50,171	

Truck crops: Unweighted average wholesale price at New York for stock of generally good quality and condition (U. S. No. 1 when quoted) specified weeks 1939 with comparisons

Commodity	Unit	Week ended 1938 June 25	1939 May 27	1939 June 3	1939 June 10	1939 June 17	1939 June 24
		Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.
Asparagus, N.J. Medium	Crates, 1 doz. bunches	1.35	1.50	1.41	1.48	1.56	1.65
" , Pa. "	" " "	1.63	---	1.62	1.79	1.75	2.08
Beans, lima	Bushel	2.62	1.62	1.62	1.50	1.92	1.62
" , snap green	"	.85	1.47	1.04	1.30	1.20	1.81
" " wax	"	.80	1.88	1.18	1.76	1.72	1.94
Beets, bunched, Va.	1/2 bbl.crate	---	1.24	1.59	.90	.98	---
" " Pa.	"	.38	---	---	---	.85	.55
Broccoli, Calif.	Pony crate	---	2.58	2.62	2.03	2.31	2.67
Cabbage, Tenn. domestic	Western crate	---	---	1.62	1.55	1.38	---
" Va. "	1-1/2 bu.hamper	.58	.81	.96	1.07	.88	.72
" N.J. "	" " "	.46	---	---	---	1.19	.87
" Va. pointed	" " "	.34	.52	.62	.74	.70	.40
" N.J. "	" " "	.41	---	---	---	1.05	.75
Cantaloupes, Calif.	Jumbos 36's & Std. 45's	2.88	5.77	4.18	3.88	3.30	2.79
Carrots, bunched, Western	Western crate	2.97	2.85	2.85	2.96	2.94	2.90
" topped, Texas	Bushel	1.40	1.80	1.79	1.62	1.62	1.78
Cauliflower, Calif.	Pony crate	---	1.66	1.55	1.51	1.58	1.66
Celery, Calif.	1/2 crate	2.52	2.25	3.33	3.67	4.35	3.73
Corn, green, Fla.	1-1/2 bu.crate	1.51	2.25	1.82	1.81	1.57	1.51
" " Texas	Bushel	1.16	1.75	1.74	1.76	1.75	1.81
Cucumbers, Ga., N.C. & S.C.	"	1.35	1.74	1.75	1.54	1.72	2.17
Eggplant, Fla.	1-1/2 bu.crate	1.27	1.52	1.10	1.27	1.21	1.25
Honey Balls, Calif.	Jumbos 36's & Std. 45's	3.06	4.91	4.10	4.29	3.98	3.48
Honey Dews, "	Std.crates 9's & 12's	2.90	---	---	3.98	2.81	2.29
" " "	Jumbo crates 6's & 8's	---	---	---	4.42	3.95	2.83
Lettuce, Calif. Iceberg type	Western Crate	1/2.46	2.94	3.85	2.79	2.96	3.62
" , N.Y. Big. Bost. type	2-doz. crate	.39	---	---	.55	.59	.64
Onions, Texas, Cr. Wh. Wax	50 lb. sack	---	1.14	1.12	.87	---	---
" " Y. Bermudas	" " "	1.34	.98	.78	.87	.84	.94
Peas, Calif.	Bushel	2.18	1.74	1.64	1.81	1.62	1.59
" Eastern	"	.95	.88	1.02	1.14	1.08	1.08
Peppers, Fla	1-1/2 bu. crate	1.17	1.94	3.15	3.29	3.33	3.97
Spinach	Bushel	.30	.52	.41	.70	.69	.54
Sweetpotatoes							
N.J. Jersey type	"	1.52	1.92	1.88	1.73	1.79	1.84
La. Puerto Rican	"	---	1.88	1.96	1.98	2.00	2.00
N. C. " "	"	---	1.54	1.52	1.43	1.52	1.50
Tomatoes, Texas	Lug	1.20	1.98	2.10	1.91	2.12	2.02
" , S. C.	"	1.08	2.06	2.00	1.78	1.78	1.75
Watermelons, Fla.	Bulk per car (auction) 26-28 lb. av.	382	330	446	373	468	460

1/ Fair quality only.

Truck Crops: Unweighted average wholesale price at Chicago for stock of generally good quality and condition (U.S. No. 1 when quoted) specified weeks, 1939 with comparisons

Commodity	Unit	Week ended 1938 June 25	1939 May 27	1939 June 3	1939 June 10	1939 June 17	1939 June 24
		Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.
Beans, snap green, Va. & Md.	Bushel	.88	1.16	1.12	1.54	1.40	---
" " " , La.	Bushel	---	1.51	1.06	1.56	1.44	---
" " wax, La.	Bushel	---	1.15	1.06	1.56	1.38	---
Broccoli, Calif.	Pony crate	1.21	2.02	1.56	1.08	1.00	---
Cabbage, domestic	Western crate	.94	1.40	1.12	.94	1.19	.90
Cantaloups, Calif.	Jumbos 36's & Std. 45's	2.66	4.92	4.03	3.66	2.96	2.62
Carrots, bunched, Western	Western crate	2.11	2.40	2.22	2.18	2.11	2.57
Cauliflower, Calif.	Pony crate	.94	1.45	1.32	1.28	1.89	1.54
Celery, Calif.	1/2 crate	1.92	1.91	2.12	3.38	3.32	3.55
Corn, green, Southern	crate 5-doz. ears	1.42	1.87	1.84	1.38	1.18	1.55
Cucumbers, Alabama	Bushel	1.52	1.40	1.40	2.16	2.12	2.00
Eggplant, Fla.	1-1/2 bu.crate	1.62	2.25	1.53	1.05	2.08	---
Lettuce, Calif., Iceberg type.	Western crate	5.75	2.75	2.83	2.54	2.72	3.32
Onions, Cr.Wh.Wax, Texas	50-pound sack	1.14	1.04	---	.88	.82	.90
" , Y. Bermudas, Texas	50-pound sack	1.16	.86	.72	.85	.83	.85
Peas, Calif.	Bushel	2.18	1.55	1.49	1.50	1.45	1.41
Peppers, Florida	1-1/2 bu.crate	1.19	2.51	3.58	3.38	3.75	---
Sweet potatoes							
Tenn. Nancy Halls	Bushel	.90	1.12	1.12	1.07	1.07	1.08
Tomatoes, Texas	Lug	1.17	2.09	1.73	1.78	1.98	2.05
Watermelons							
Fla. Tom Watsons	Per melon(med.)	.33	.57	.56	.49	.47	.52

Truck Crops: Unweighted average price of stock of generally good merchantable quality and condition (U.S. No. 1 grade when quoted) at shipping points, specified weeks 1939 with comparisons

Commodity	Shipping point	Unit	Week ended 1938 June 25	1939 May 27	1939 June 3	1939 June 10	1939 June 17	1939 June 24
			Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.
F.o.b. usual terms								
Celery, washed	Los Angeles, Calif.	1/2 crate	---	---	1.64	1.99	2.00	2.38
Onions, Y.Bermudas	No.Texas points	50-lb. sack	---	---	---	---	---	.48
" , Cr. Wh. Wax	No.Texas points	50-lb. sack	---	---	---	---	---	.48
F.o.b. cash track								
Cantaloups	Brawley, Calif.	Jumbos 36's & Std. 45's	1.54	2.31	1.98	1.74	1.35	1.15
Honey Balls, Pink Meats	Brawley, Calif.	" " "	1.55	---	2.00	1.91	1.52	1.31
Honey Dews	Brawley, Calif.	All sizes	.94	---	---	1.89	1.05	.79
Lettuce, Iceberg type	Salinas, Calif.	Western crate	4.50	1.52	1.23	1.28	1.50	2.17
Onions, Y.Bermudas	No.Texas points	50-lb. sack	---	---	.36	.41	.37	---
Onions, Cr.Wh. Wax	No.Texas points	50-lb. sack	---	---	.38	.40	.37	---
Tomatoes, green wrapped	Charleston,S.C.	Lug	---	---	---	1.34	1.40	1.40
" " "	Cr.Springs,Miss.	Lug	---	---	1.19	.77	.94	---
" " "	Jacksonville,Tex.	Lug	.85	---	1.25	1.25	1.65	1.34
Watermelons,Klondike	Brawley, Calif.	Bulk per ton, 16-20 lb. av.	---	---	28.75	27.50	19.00	13.00
Watermelons,Tom Watson	Gainsville, Fla.	Bulk per car, medium	242	---	207	212	---	---
Auction								
Beans, lima	Lake City, S.C.	Bushel	---	---	---	---	1.44	1.03
Cucumbers	Blackville, S.C.	Bushel	---	---	1.01	1.04	.93	---
"	Lake City, S.C.	Bushel	---	---	.94	1.05	1.03	1.06

Truck crops and potatoes: Carlot (rail and boat) shipments from originating points in the United States for the week ended June 24 with comparisons

Item	Week ended					
	1938	1939				
	June 25	May 27	June 3	June 10	June 17	June 24
	Cars	Cars	Cars	Cars	Cars	Cars
Asparagus	0	6	2	1	0	0
Beans, snap and lima	108	341	206	135	95	25
Beets	12	22	23	11	1	0
Cabbage	47	391	467	337	156	34
Cantaloups	1,125	513	1,071	1,277	1,471	1,699
Carrots, old	5	5	8	13	5	6
" new	79	482	383	343	307	378
Cauliflower, old	1	72	45	20	24	4
" new	6	0	3	1	20	1
Celery	100	403	340	292	208	126
Corn, green	93	56	126	66	88	93
Cucumbers	156	271	198	219	131	103
Eggplant	6	12	15	10	15	17
Honey ball melons	98	1	21	54	102	106
Honey dew melons	113	0	13	34	198	358
Lettuce and romaine	410	1,120	1,051	642	862	723
Mixed melons	116	16	51	116	145	124
Mixed vegetables	152	354	279	258	256	220
Onions, old	0	5	4	4	2	3
" new	227	438	393	394	556	380
Peas, green	198	318	188	213	163	233
Peppers	89	62	91	81	58	49
Spinach	0	3	0	2	3	8
Sweetpotatoes	15	39	28	19	23	15
Tomatoes	1,733	1,338	1,564	1,720	1,780	1,245
Turnips and rutabagas	6	0	0	3	3	5
Watermelons	2,898	484	1,107	805	1,016	1,403
Total truck crops 1/	7,793	2/6,758	7,677	7,070	7,688	7,358
Potatoes, total 1/	3,708	5,609	5,046	7,028	5,446	5,039
Early	1,838	4,116	4,015	5,875	4,673	3,663
Intermediate (1939)	1,793	0	6	243	308	1,105
Late (old)	66	1,493	1,025	910	465	258
Late (new)	11	0	0	0	0	13
Grand total all vegetables 1/	11,501	12,367	12,723	14,098	13,134	12,397
Relief: Cabbage	0	471	14	83	157	0
Beans, snap and lima	0	0	0	0	4	0
Onions	0	0	0	0	176	78

1/ Does not include imports.
2/ Includes 5 cars broccoli and 1 car greens.

Truck crops: Commercial acreage and production for market, average 1928-37, annual 1938 and indicated 1939 as reported to June 22, 1939

Commodity and group	Acreage: 10-year average 1928-37	Acreage: 1938	Acreage: 1939	Unit	Production: 10-year average 1928-37	Production: 1938	Production: 1939
	Acres	Acres	Acres				
Asparagus 1/				1,000			
Calif.	66,450	71,510	76,540	crates	6,876	5,642	7,271
S.C. and Ga.	12,660	10,100	9,500	"	438	431	395
Total early	79,110	81,610	86,040	"	7,314	6,073	7,666
Late	26,040	31,740	35,500	"	2,402	3,746	3,696
All States	105,150	113,350	121,540	"	9,716	9,819	11,362
Total, excepting manuf. in Calif.	63,020	65,840	---	"	5,195	6,097	---
Beans, snap, green and wax				1,000			
Fall	14,980	15,000	20,500	bushels	1,313	1,475	2,788
Early	18,210	30,000	30,000	"	1,555	2,550	2,550
Early (2)	28,830	30,600	23,200	"	2,462	2,753	2,004
Second early	22,540	28,400	26,300	"	1,382	1,538	1,702
Intermediate (1)	16,170	25,000	26,070	"	1,090	1,503	1,516
Intermediate (2)	12,110	11,500	10,600	"	1,176	1,037	914
All States	135,930	171,810	---	"	11,307	14,368	---
Lima beans							
Fall	230	---	---	"	20	---	---
Early	1,800	4,500	4,800	"	138	338	288
Second early	2,860	2,200	2,100	"	145	180	200
Intermediate (1)	1,170	1,500	1,600	"	60	90	
Intermediate (2)	5,100	4,500	4,500	"	349	264	
All States	10,650	13,350		"	651	904	---
Beets							
Early	5,460	6,100	6,600	"	808	854	858
Second early	2,500	1,800	1,550	"	353	272	222
Intermediate	2,400	2,600	2,300	"	637	702	538
All States	10,650	10,870	---	"	1,899	1,928	---
Cabbage 1/							
Fall	1,250	2,600	2,600	Tons	8,300	16,800	15,800
Early	42,920	46,100	54,600	"	227,900	237,400	273,900
Second early	16,180	22,200	18,100	"	86,400	137,400	83,200
Intermediate	29,620	34,140	33,240	"	174,600	222,400	208,900
Late (domestic)	39,460	46,570	*42,050	"	303,000	511,500	
Late (Danish)	36,030	35,180	*32,000	"	282,200	370,300	
All States	165,460	186,790	182,590	"	1,082,400	1,495,800	
For market	145,090	169,540	---	"	928,600	1,303,600	
For kraut	20,370	17,250	---	"	153,800	192,200	
Cantaloupes				1,000			
Early	37,020	28,700	33,040	crates	5,432	5,204	5,084
Second early	39,500	47,750	52,000		4,889	5,100	4,803
Intermediate	20,680	24,800	25,170	"	2,125	1,820	---
Late	19,070	22,000	21,500	"	2,513	2,387	---
All States	116,270	123,250		"	14,959	15,011	

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Truck crops: Commercial acreage and production for market, average 1928-37, annual 1938 and indicated 1939 as reported to June 22, 1939-continued

Commodity and group	Acreage: 10-year average 1928-37	Acreage: 1938	Acreage: 1939	Unit	Production: 10-year average 1928-37	Production: 1938	Production: 1939
	Acres	Acres	Acres				
Carrots				1,000			
Fall	5,200	8,750	8,600	bu.	2,583	4,375	4,128
Early	9,460	9,350	8,900	"	1,713	1,394	1,560
Second early	10,710	15,620	15,650	"	4,238	6,287	6,158
Intermediate	1,670	1,730	1,570	"	452	441	370
All States	32,780	43,320		"	11,587	15,775	
Cauliflower				1,000			
Fall and winter	9,070	8,050	7,800	crates	2,369	2,550	2,259
Early	8,080	8,240	7,680	"	2,162	2,614	2,286
All States	28,460	28,630		"	6,993	8,401	
Celery							
Fall and winter	7,270	9,750	9,250	"	1,282	2,048	1,758
Early	6,330	9,200	8,100	"	2,088	2,742	2,277
Second early	3,090	3,950	3,650	"	1,118	1,617	1,354
All States	33,810	41,550	---	"	9,123	11,868	
Cucumbers				1,000			
Fall	1,550	2,000	1,800	bu.	115	100	108
Early (1)	12,710	10,600	12,000	"	891	1,041	877
Early (2)	12,460	12,200	11,400	"	1,194	1,216	1,292
Second early	6,550	5,400	5,400	"	561	450	411
Intermediate	8,190	8,600	7,600	"	1,058	1,038	
All States	44,980	43,510		"	4,153	4,595	---
Eggplant							
Fall	1,220	1,450	1,500	"	191	195	250
Early	880	800	600	"	266	320	210
All States	3,580	4,420	---	"	801	961	
Kale							
Virginia	1,780	1,050	700	"	619	514	280
Lettuce				1,000			
Early	44,190	37,000	36,500	crates	5,259	4,776	4,342
Second early	48,090	53,400	70,050	"	5,382	5,804	7,396
Intermediate	4,800	3,870	4,355	"	939	809	827
Late (1)	25,790	24,550	27,330	"	3,576	3,483	---
All States	154,280	149,340	---	"	19,433	19,270	---
Onions 2/				1,000			
Early(Bermudas)	46,580	64,080	58,950	sacks	2,202	2,168	1,928
Intermediate (1)	11,790	13,600	15,500	"	807	768	1,008
Intermediate (2)	6,430	5,810	6,400	"	874	837	
Late	52,740	54,440	57,970	"	9,914	11,142	
All States	117,540	137,930	138,820	"	13,797	14,915	
Peas				1,000			
Early	9,360	15,700	14,400	bu.	642	1,330	1,190
Second early	40,020	34,950	41,550	"	2,648	2,181	3,204
Intermediate (1)	5,990	6,000	5,400	"	405	420	339
Intermediate (2)	3,920	4,440	5,340	"	250	337	410
Late (1)	21,120	24,930	27,780	"	2,095	2,530	2,853
All States	97,350	103,890	---	"	7,359	8,348	

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Truck crops: Commercial acreage and production for market, average 1928-37, annual 1938 and indicated 1939 as reported to June 22, 1939-continued

Commodity and group	Acreage: 10-year average 1928-37	Acreage: 1938	Acreage: 1939	Unit	Production: 10-year average 1928-37	Production: 1938	Production: 1939
	Acres	Acres	Acres				
Green peppers				1,000			
Fall	2,340	3,800	4,400	bu.	427	473	550
Early, winter	2,530	3,000	2,500	"	662	1,020	750
" spring	3,060	2,400	2,400	"	643	840	840
Second early	1,770	1,620	1,500	"	291	338	207
All States	17,480	21,070	---	"	3,960	4,970	---
Shallots 3/							
La.	---	5,700	5,700	"	---	490	627
Spinach							
Fall	2,700	2,700	3,000	"	747	972	1,020
Early	38,410	44,840	40,450	"	7,304	6,578	7,266
Second early	8,900	8,700	8,000	"	2,551	2,611	2,293
All States	57,250	66,590	---	"	12,472	12,526	---
Tomatoes							
Fall	5,700	9,000	7,300	"	346	350	556
Early (1)	12,750	15,500	15,500	"	1,448	2,945	2,015
Early (2)	28,150	41,000	39,600	"	2,048	3,562	3,378
Second early	39,680	62,400	52,250	"	3,528	4,088	3,788
Intermediate 4/	31,580	36,500	37,700	"	3,650	4,477	4,497
New Jersey 4/	10,780	12,000	11,500	"	2,014	1,800	---
Late (1)	32,550	35,800	36,200	"	4,744	5,774	---
All States	169,500	222,200	---	"	18,685	24,546	---
Watermelons				1,000			
Early	34,470	29,500	27,000	melons	12,456	10,265	8,610
Second early	160,370	164,800	169,100	"	36,378	33,308	29,659
Late	54,000	68,650	71,990	"	19,185	26,356	
All States	248,840	262,950	268,090	"	68,019	69,929	
Total acreage planted and intended as reported to June 22	1,418,020	1,588,810	1,610,075				
Total acreage planted as reported to June 22	1,342,530	1,507,060	1,536,025				

1/ Included undetermined quantities of production used for manufacture, frozen pack, etc.

2/ Estimates for Texas have been revised to an actual acreage basis as contrasted with earlier reports which took into account difference in widths of rows.

3/ Not included in totals.

4/ New Jersey is excluded from Intermediate group total because the tomato crop there is very late this season. Plants have made practically no growth since they were set out and a forecast of production cannot be made at this time.

* Intended.

Vegetables, frozen: Cold storage holdings June 1, 1939 with comparisons

Commodity	June 1, 1938	May 1, 1939	June 1, 1939
	Thousands	Thousands	Thousands
Asparagus 1/	---	2,927	4,516
Beans, lima	3,145	9,562	8,881
Beans, snap	1,623	4,696	4,460
Broccoli, green 1/	---	1,036	1,012
Corn, sweet	1,714	5,063	4,763
Peas, green	6,068	15,380	14,444
Spinach	1,797	2,549	2,091
Other vegetables	2/ 7,064	2,112	2,055
Classification not reported 1/	---	4,100	3,754
Total	21,411	47,425	45,976

1/ Data for this item prior to July 1, 1938, included under "other".
2/ Includes items designated by 1/.

Prospective acreage of 1939 compared with planted acreages of 1937 and 1938 1/

Crop	1937	1938	1939	1939 as percent of 1938
	Acres	Acres	Acres	Percent
Lima beans	46,670	55,010	51,810	94.2
Snap beans	69,780	76,110	2/ 51,710	67.9
Beets	13,700	12,330	8,060	65.4
Sweet corn	461,850	358,570	266,520	74.3
Cucumber for pickles	119,830	89,090	64,710	72.6
Green peas	354,420	334,920	2/ 253,720	75.8
Spinach	3/ 24,720	3/ 17,470	2/ 13,600	77.8
Tomatoes	473,200	408,360	353,290	86.5
Total	1,564,170	1,351,860	1,063,420	78.7

1/ Excluding cabbage for kraut and asparagus. The acreage of cabbage for kraut intended to be contracted for this season is reduced 13 percent from the 1938 harvested acreage but the contracted acreage usually represents only about 50 percent of the total and no information is now available as to the acreage expected to be purchased on the open market. As for asparagus, the combined total acreage for market, canning and freezing is nearly 8 percent larger than in 1938.
2/ Planted.
3/ Harvested.